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April 21, 1997

The Honorable James Quello  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, NW, Room 844  
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Re: CC Docket No. 96-45

As Director of Learning Resources for our rural school district in central-western Pennsylvania, I would like to thank you for your efforts in ensuring that all schools and libraries will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway. Since our schools are located thirty miles from the nearest academic library of any size (Indiana University of Pennsylvania), it is imperative that our students have a way to obtain the necessary information for research, class projects, and personal growth and development in terms of career objectives and higher education. Thus, we have been doing as much as we can to keep up with technology—a hard task considering the expense and lack of financial resources with which we must deal as a reality of operating a school system.

Although grant funding has made it possible for us to obtain some computers, software, and essential networking hardware, it is imperative that we have an economical way of utilizing the Internet and World Wide Web so our students can gain maximum benefit from having access to technology.

The Telecommunications Act and Federal-State Joint Board Discount Plan will guarantee that our district, which in many ways, is disadvantaged, will have the opportunity to bring services to our classrooms where our students are learning. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is vital to our young people's future.

Our students need deep discounts for telecommunications services as soon as possible. My colleagues and I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal services for schools and libraries.

Sincerely,



Gerald Gigliotti,  
Director, Learning Resources

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The Honorable Susan Ness  
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RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Ness:

I am the director of a regional educational agency in the Middle Georgia area. In the rural areas that my agency serves, it is imperative that students have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

Our school systems need discounts for telecommunications services this year. I urge the FCC to fully support the discount plan for universal service for schools.

Sincerely,

*Jackie Stinchcomb*

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RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Ness,

I am the Director of Secondary Education for Millard Public Schools in Omaha, Nebraska, and I would like to thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all school districts and education consortia will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

As you know, the Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board decision will guarantee that all school districts have the opportunity to connect to the Internet and provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of all our schools, and the plan will bring services directly to the classroom where students learn. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is vital, especially in light of all the "cuts" occurring here in Nebraska.


The "discounts" would assist us greatly in the following areas:

1. **Distance Learning.** In a sparsely populated state like Nebraska, distance learning connections are essential options for increasing the curriculum available to students. If the cost is too great, this cannot happen.
2. **Network Bandwidth.** Our current data network uses a fairly low speed technology because it is less expensive. This, in turn, limits what we can do with management software and communications technology. We want to upgrade our system when it is affordable.
3. **Media Services.** One specific illustration of bandwidth limitation is the information sources now available through our media centers. We know of some other good online options, but our system is too slow to use them. We think the situation of what we need, but cannot afford, is a similar issue for most school systems.
4. **Efficiency.** Technology is making more current information available when needed for those who have access. This allows decision-makers to be more productive and to make truly informed decisions. We support the President's goal of fixing the access problem. Anything that makes entry more affordable is a step in the right direction.
5. **Student Learning.** Networks are changing how everyone has access to information and expanding what is available. It will not be acceptable if some students have this advantage and others do not. Students need access for their learning while in school and thinking about possible careers.

Our students need deep discounts for telecommunications services this year. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

  
Stephen L. Kleinsmith, Ed.D.  
Director of Secondary Education

c: Dr. Keith Lutz, Superintendent

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RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Ness:

I am writing to you in regards to the federal "E-Rate" Telecommunications Discount Program. I am a locally elected school board member from the Burlingame School District, and I would like to express my strong support for this program and the proposed regulations governing its implementation.

The Telecommunications Act of 1996 and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan will guarantee that even the poorest schools will have access to the Internet and the ability to provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of schools across the country, and more importantly, the plan will bring telecommunications services directly to the classrooms, where they can have the greatest impact on students. It is important to remember that each element of this plan is vital to the overall success of the discount program. Therefore, the inclusion of discounts for internal classroom connections should not be eliminated, nor should the size of the Universal Service Fund be reduced. As I am sure you are aware, this program is essential for preparing our students to enter the workforce of tomorrow.

The E-Rate Telecommunications Discount Program is desperately overdue and our students need these discounts for telecommunications services this year. I urge you and the other FCC commissioners to fully support the recommendations of the Joint Board and approve the proposed final regulations regarding the discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

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RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Ness:

I am writing to you in regards to the federal "E-Rate" Telecommunications discount Program. I am the Superintendent of Delano Union Elementary School District, and I would like to express my strong support for this program and the proposed regulations governing its implementation.

It is important to remember that each element of this plan is vital to the overall success of the discount program. Therefore, the inclusion of discounts for internal classroom connections should not be eliminated, nor should the size of the Universal Service Fund be reduced. Also, I urge you to include Frame Relay Connections as part of this discount program. This is an essential technology that was omitted from the original proposal.

The E-Rate Telecommunications Discount Program is desperately overdue and our students need these discounts for telecommunications services this year. I urge you and the other FCC commissioners to fully support the recommendations of the Joint Board and approve the proposed final regulations regarding the discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



Dr. Milton Woolsey  
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Dear Commissioner Ness:

This letter is in reference to the federal "E-Rate" Telecommunications Discount Program. As Superintendent of the Berryessa Union School District in the Santa Clara Valley, I would like to express my district's support for this program and the proposed regulations governing its implementation.

All schools should have the same access to the Internet and the ability to provide distance-learning opportunities for their students whether they be low wealth districts or districts more socially and economically well off. The Telecommunications Act of 1996 and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan will guarantee that all schools will have this opportunity. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of schools across the country. More importantly, the plan will bring telecommunication services directly to the classrooms where it can have the greatest impact on students. The size of the Universal Service Fund should not be reduced nor the elimination of the inclusion discounts for internal classroom connections. This program is essential for the future role of students in the work force while developing positive attitudes toward education.

The "E-Rate" Telecommunications Discount Program is desperately overdue and our students need these discounts for services this year. I urge you and other FCC commissioners to fully support the recommendations of the Joint Board and approve the proposed final regulations regarding the discount plan for universal service for all schools and libraries.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

G. Herbert Wadley, Ed. D.  
Superintendent

cc: Board of Trustees

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Dear Commissioner:

We are currently teachers in the Beaufort County School District, Beaufort County, SC. We would like to share with you our desire that you continue to support affordable access to the Information Superhighway through the Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan to schools. Your support of the discount plan will guarantee that even the poorest schools will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet and provide distance learning opportunities.

In order to ensure that all of our students have the opportunity to learn, services directly to the classroom are needed. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is very important to preparing our students for the world of tomorrow. Our school is undergoing a technology integration plan which will ensure access to a variety of multi-media opportunities. We need the deep discounts in telecommunications in order to continue to provide them with informational access that will prepare them for the future. We strongly urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Faculty of Port Royal Elementary:

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The Honorable Susan Ness  
Federal Communications Commission  
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RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Ness:

I am the Technology Coordinator for the Fox Chapel Area School District, outside of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. We have been connected to the Internet for five years. I would like to thank you for your commitment to ensure that all schools and libraries have affordable access to the emerging Information Highway.

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan offers us the necessary incentive to move ahead with our community access network that will link our students to the larger community, including the regional community library system. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of all our schools and community members as we envision FOXCAN - the Fox Chapel Community Access Network. In our plan for next year we will develop a connection to a satellite library located in a family center site that serves our poorest students. Without the cost reductions promised by the discount plan neither our community library nor the Fox Chapel Area School District will be able to offer this service.

Our students and community members need deep discounts for telecommunications services. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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# Winnfield Senior High School

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The Honorable Susan Ness  
Federal Communications Commission  
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Dear Mrs. Ness:

I am principal of Winnfield Senior High School in Winn Parish, Louisiana. I would like to thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all schools and libraries will have affordable access to the information Superhighway.

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan will allow even the poorest schools to connect to the Internet and provide distance-learning opportunities. This proposed budget will address the needs of all schools and provide funding directly to classrooms.

Winnfield Senior High School will use the discounts to access the Internet through our local area network. The Winnfield Senior High School Technology plan and the Winn Parish Technology Plan provide for computers with Internet access in every classroom within the next three years. All of our schools have at least two dial-up accounts.

We need discounts for telecommunications in order to better prepare our students for the workplace of the next century. I would like to encourage the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service to schools and libraries.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jane Griffin  
Principal

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Commissioner Susan Ness  
Federal Communications Commission  
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Dear Commissioner Ness:

WE are faculty and staff from *Jenifer Elementary* Charles County in Maryland. We are writing in support of the Universal Service discounts for schools and libraries that have been recommended by the Joint Board.

We would like to thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all schools and libraries will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

The Telecommunications Act and the Joint Board discount plan will guaranteed that even the poorest schools will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet and provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of all our schools, and, importantly, the plan will bring services directly to the classroom where students learn. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discount is vital. This plan is essential for preparing the workforce of tomorrow.

Our students need deep discounts for telecommunications services this year. We urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal services for schools and libraries.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Marie Carter*  
*Kimberly S. Lutz*  
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# SIERRA SANDS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT



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The Honorable Susan Ness, Commissioner  
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Dear Commissioner Ness:

RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

I am writing to you in regard to the federal "E-Rate" Telecommunications Discount Program. I am superintendent of Sierra Sands Unified School District, and I would like to express my strong support for this program and the proposed regulations governing its implementation.

The Telecommunications Act of 1996 and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan will guarantee that even the poorest schools will have access to the Internet and the ability to provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of schools across the country, and more importantly, the plan will bring telecommunications services directly to the classrooms where they can have the greatest impact on students. It is important to remember that each element of this plan is vital to the overall success of the discount program. Therefore, the inclusion of discounts for internal classroom connections should not be eliminated, nor should the size of the Universal Service Fund be reduced. As I am sure you are aware, this program is essential for preparing our students to enter the work force of tomorrow.

The E-Rate Telecommunications Discount Program is desperately overdue, and our students need these discounts for telecommunications services this year. I urge you and the other FCC commissioners to fully support the recommendations of the Joint Board and approve the proposed final regulations regarding the discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent

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Dear Commissioner Ness:

I am writing to you in regard to the federal "E-Rate" Telecommunications Discount Program. I am the technology coordinator for the Inyo County Office of Education, and I would like to express my strong support for this program and the proposed regulations governing its implementation.

The Telecommunications Act of 1996 and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan will guarantee that even small, rural schools like those in our county will have access to the Internet and the ability to provide the kinds of distance-learning opportunities that could make all the difference to students in remote areas of the country like ours. The plan will bring telecommunications services directly to the classrooms where they can have the greatest impact on students. It is important to remember that each element of this plan is vital to the overall success of the discount program. Therefore, the inclusion of discounts for internal classroom connections should not be eliminated, nor should the size of the Universal service Fund be reduced. As I am sure you are aware, this program is essential for preparing our students to enter the work force of tomorrow.

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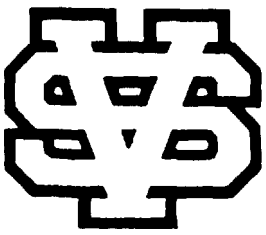
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# STEEL VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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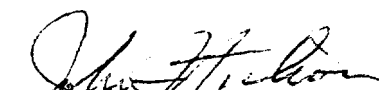
Dear Commissioner Ness:

By way of introduction, my name is John Tichon and I am the Director of Secondary Education for Steel Valley School District in Munhall, Pennsylvania. On behalf of our administrators, staff and students, I would like to thank you for all the time and effort you have spent in ensuring that *all* schools and libraries will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway by way of the Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan.

The Internet is a remarkable learning tool; however, our district has suffered extreme revenue losses due to the closing of United States Steel's Homestead Plant and other subsequent closings of area industry/business, thus making it very difficult for us to pay the toll to the Superhighway. The Internet, and our district's current involvement in a School-to-Work collaborative, are excellent means to better prepare our students for the workforce of tomorrow. Discounts received for telecommunications services would be a tremendous help in being able to provide our students with the opportunities they need to become life-long learners and productive citizens.

I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries which would mean so much to poorer districts such as ours.

Sincerely,

  
John J. Tichon

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# Baldwin-Whitehall School District

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The Honorable Susan Ness, Commissioner  
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Dear Commissioner Ness:

On May 8, 1997, when you vote on the FCC Federal State Joint Boards recommendation to provide significant discounts for all telecommunications services including connections within each classroom, you will have the opportunity to guarantee that all students have an equal opportunity to benefit from our nations technological advancements. This will prove to be a major step in the efforts to prepare students for their future in which 60% of the jobs will require computer skills.

As a school superintendent, I can assure you that the proposed discounts would provide a major thrust to our efforts to integrate technology into the curriculum. We are committed to providing our students with the computer skills that business demand and that our workforce will need to maintain our competitiveness in a global economy.

I encourage you to support the plan to provide discounts to schools for all telecommunications services including internal connections. This action will open the door of opportunity for every student in our country and help to prepare our workforce of the future.

Sincerely yours,

Charles H. Faust  
Superintendent of Schools

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# West Allegheny School District

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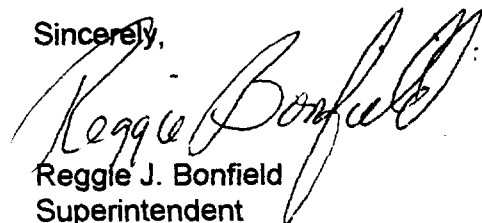
Dear Commissioner Ness:

On May 8, 1997, when you vote on the FCC Federal State Joint Boards recommendation to provide significant discounts for all telecommunications services, including connections within each classroom, you will have the opportunity to guarantee that all students have an equal opportunity to benefit from our nations technological advancements. This will prove to be a major step in the efforts to prepare students for their future in which 60% of the jobs will require computer skills.

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Sincerely,

  
Reggie J. Bonfield  
Superintendent

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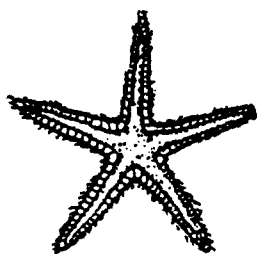
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# BROAD RIVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Melissa Patterson-Sheppard  
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Mark Mansell  
Assistant Principal

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Dear Commissioner:

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Faculty of Broad River Elementary School:

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The Honorable Susan Ness, Commissioner  
Federal Communications Commission  
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Dear Honorable Ness:

On behalf of the Rowland Unified School District, in Los Angeles County, California, I urge you to support the proposed "e-rate" for our schools.

Affordable access to the Information Superhighway is one important educational tool needed to prepare California students for the job market of the next century.

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board decision will guarantee that all school districts will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet and provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will bring technology/telecommunication access into the classroom. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is vital.

Rowland Unified is committed to bringing the world into our classrooms and extending student learning experiences beyond the confines of the school. Deep discounts for telecommunication services will enable this effort to move forward in 1997 and future years.

I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools, and thank you for your support of our future citizens.

Sincerely,

Ronald J. Leon, Ed.D.

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April 22, 1997

The Honorable Susan Ness  
Federal Communications Commission  
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Washington, DC 20554

RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Ness:

I am the Director of Information Technology for the Pennsbury School District in Fallsington, Bucks County, PA.

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan will guarantee that all schools have the opportunity to connect to the Information Superhighway and with distance learning opportunities, thus bringing services directly to the classroom where students learn. This plan is essential for preparing the workforce of tomorrow.

Pennsbury School District is embarking on a major technology program that is currently limited by funding. We are unable to address a number of instructional requirements because of the costs necessary to build the infrastructure. We are planning to use the services of the local cable company to connect our 16 buildings, and we hope to use an Internet Service Provider and telecommunication lines to extend Internet to the classrooms. Currently, only one lab and the library in each school have any type of data cabling. The Telecommunications Act of 1996 provides for deep discounts for schools for telecommunication services, and enacting these discounts could make a significant difference in our project. Please recognize the positive impact such discounts could have on the implementation of our technology program. The actions you take at the FCC can considerably assist us in achieving our goals.

Thank you for your commitment to ensuring that all schools and libraries will have affordable access to the Internet. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries.

Sincerely,

A. Richard Wilson, Interim Director  
Information Technology

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# Palmdale School District

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RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

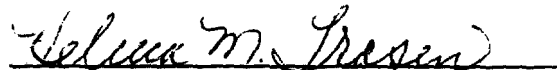
Dear Commissioner Ness:

As locally elected trustees of the Palmdale School District, we wish to indicate to you our strong support for the proposed \$2.25 billion "E-Rate" Telecommunications Discount Program and the proposed regulations governing its implementation.

The Telecommunications Act of 1996 and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan will guarantee all schools will have access to the Internet and the ability to tap into other distance-learning opportunities. The plan will bring telecommunications directly to the classrooms, where they can have a greater impact on students. The inclusion of discounts for internal classroom connections should not be eliminated, nor should the Universal Service Fund be reduced.

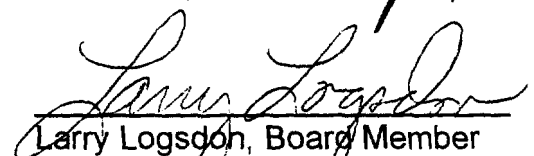
We urge you and the FCC Commissioners to fully support the recommendations of the Joint Board.

Thank you for your consideration.

  
Velma M. Trosin, Board President

  
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# BUENA PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Commissioner Ness:

I am writing to you in regards to the federal "E-Rate" Telecommunications Discount Program. I am a locally-elected school board member from Buena Park School District and I would like to express my strong support for this program and the proposed regulations governing its implementation.

Carol Holmes Riley, Ed.D.  
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The Telecommunications Act of 1996 and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan will guarantee that even the poorest schools will have access to the Internet and the ability to provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of schools across the country, and more importantly, the plan will bring telecommunications services directly to the classrooms, where they can have the greatest impact on students. It is important to remember that each element of this plan is vital to the overall success of the discount program. Therefore, the inclusion of discounts for internal classroom connections should not be eliminated, nor should the size of the Universal Service fund be reduced. As I am sure you are aware, this program is essential for preparing our students to enter the workforce of tomorrow.

The E-Rate Telecommunications Discount Program is desperately overdue and our students need these discounts for telecommunications services this year. I urge you and the other FCC commissioners to fully support the recommendations of the Joint Board and approve the proposed final regulations regarding the discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Mary Fuhrman  
Governing Board Member

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# Santee School District

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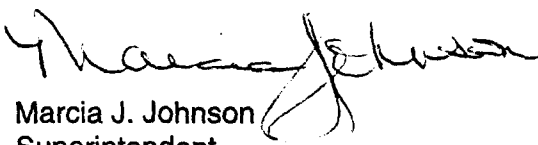
Dear Commissioner Ness:

I am writing to thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all students will have affordable access to the internet and distance-learning opportunities. As Superintendent of Santee School District, a suburban district in San Diego county, I personally lend my strong support for the “E-Rate” Telecommunications Discount Program and the proposed regulations governing its implementation.

The Telecommunications Act of 1996 and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan will bring telecommunications services directly to the classrooms. This program is essential for preparing our students to enter the workforce of tomorrow. Santee School District is a small district with approximately 8,400 students and our Board of Education is dedicated to a plan for wiring classrooms and purchasing computer workstations. We are committed to providing our students with the best learning environment and tools available. The “E-Rate” Telecommunications Discount Program is desperately overdue and our students need these discounts for telecommunications services this year. I urge you and the other FCC commissioners to fully support the recommendations of the Joint Board and approve the proposed final regulations regarding the discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Marcia J. Johnson  
Superintendent

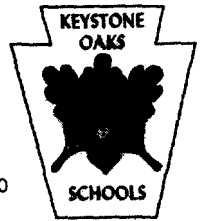
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The Honorable James Quello, Commissioner  
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**RE: CC DOCKET NO. 96-45**

Dear Commissioner Quello:

On May 8, 1997, when you vote on the FCC Federal State Joint Board's recommendation to provide significant discounts for all telecommunication services including connections within each classroom, you will have the opportunity to guarantee that all students have an equal opportunity to benefit from our nation's technological advancements. This will prove to be a major step in the effort to prepare students for their future in which sixty percent of the jobs will require computer skills.

As a school superintendent, I can assure you that the proposed discounts would provide a major thrust to our effort to integrate technology into the curriculum. We are committed to providing our students with the computer skills that business demands and that our work force will need to maintain our competitiveness in a global economy. The Keystone Oaks School District possesses a significant infrastructure for all students to use technology in the learning process. Our major cost will be line access charges.

I encourage you to support the plan to provide discounts to schools for all telecommunication services including internal connections. This action will open the door of opportunity for every student in our country and help to prepare our work force of the future.

Sincerely,

Chet C. Kent, Ph.D., J.D.  
Superintendent

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## CORNELL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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The Honorable James Quello  
Federal Communications Commission  
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Re: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Quello:

I am the Technology Coordinator for the Cornell School District and I would like to thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all schools and libraries will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan will guarantee that even the poorest schools will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet and provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of all our schools and, importantly, the plan will bring services directly to the classroom where students learn. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is vital. This plan is essential for preparing the workforce of tomorrow.

The Cornell School District is one of the smallest districts in Pennsylvania and is also among this area's poorest. By connecting every classroom to the wealth of information available via the Internet we can begin to level the playing field between the haves and the have-nots. This year we are embarking on an ambitious technology plan that will connect all of the classrooms in our schools to an internal network. By accessing reduced cost connections with the Information Superhighway, we can leverage the power of the computers to effectively enable our students to learn. Through an aggressive evening access program, we can offer the community at large an opportunity to access this information and improve their skills more effectively than through any other means. Cornell School District is taking the first steps towards a better-educated, more employable population. Reduced access to the Information Superhighway is a critical component to the success of our project.

Our students need deep discounts for telecommunications services this year. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries.

Cordially,

Kenneth J Norris  
Technology Coordinator

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